

**EDINGALE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th November, 2012  
at 7.30pm at Edingale Village Hall.

Members present:

Cllr C Wesley, Chairman

Cllr Mrs N Mason MBE

Cllr Mrs M Cliffe

Cllr H Dhillon

Cllr S Sprason

Cllr J Startin

In Attendance:

Mrs M Jones, Clerk to the Parish Council

12 members of the public

**1. To receive Apologies** Councillor Van Arkadie had apologised and this was accepted.

**2. To receive Declaration of interests**

No Councillor declared an interest.

**3. To Approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**4. To adjourn the meeting, to hold the Public Session (maximum 15 minutes) and to reconvene the meeting**

Residents attending the meeting raised the closure of the Black Horse pub. It was felt that this should be kept as a facility for the community, as a meeting place and not merely as accommodation. Enquiries would be made of the District Council as to the de-licensing procedure and the owner would be contacted. It was confirmed that Edingale has had a pub for 200 years and it was felt that the closure would have a detrimental effect on the village.

Residents also commented on the development at Joe's Cave; mud had been left on the road and this was slippery and dangerous. The builder had also dumped materials on the Village Hall car park and had been asked to remove these but had not done so. He had a key to the barrier and it was agreed to investigate changing the lock if he did not hand it over. The Council would write to the builder expressing these concerns.

Two residents had attended regarding a planning application.

A representative raised the subject of a grant for heating and insulating costs at the Village Hall, which would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

They added that the Village Hall were happy to support the plan for a senior citizen's Christmas lunch. The Village Hall Committee was congratulated for the very successful firework event which had been very well supported.

## 5. Clerk's Report

- (a) **Drains in Croxall Road.** Highways had been contacted again and confirmed this was on their schedule to be dealt with.
- (b) **Bridge Repairs.** Cllr Arnold had advised these were still awaited.
- (c) **Village Hall event.** Councillors had been invited to a performance of Hansel and Gretel by Live and Local.
- (d) **Training.** The Chairman and Clerk had attended Code of Conduct training. The recent training session for Councillors had been very useful.
- (e) **Quotes.** One quote had been received for next year's mowing and others would be requested shortly. A quote had been received for hedge work and others would be obtained. Cllr Startin advised that it would be preferable to lay the hedge for the best result.
- (f) **Nature reserve.** Harlaston Council had enquired about the gate in Mill Lane being locked. It was felt that since becoming part of the National Forest this was not a public amenity, and the Clerk would inform them of this.
- (g) **Christmas Lights.** The installation work had been done and the lights would be ready for switching on by December 1st.

## 6. Correspondence

Letter from Village Hall regarding insulation/heating  
Letter regarding closure of The Black Horse  
Energy advice from Lichfield District Council (placed on notice board - deadline 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services information  
LDC Independent Remuneration Panel  
Communities, Councils and Clerks newsletter  
Email regarding Hansel and Gretel event  
Email from Harlaston Council regarding nature reserve and regarding contribution to wind farm planning consultant cost.

## 7. Councillor's Business.

Cllr Mason advised that a local farm had been broken into and property stolen. She also enquired whether an extra grit bin could be requested. Action: Clerk  
Cllr Cliffe reported on sewage leaking onto the road. Severn Trent had been contacted. It was felt that the pump and pipes were insufficient for the extra houses in the village. It was agreed to inform Environmental Health. Action: Clerk  
Cllr Cliffe also raised the dumping of soil and materials by the builder behind the Village Hall. RESOLVED to write to the Village Hall Committee regarding the public concern about these issues raised at this meeting. Action: Clerk  
Cllr Dhillon proposed that the Parish Council make a loan to the Village Hall to assist with the costs of insulation, work on the roof, and heating improvements. This would be on the agenda for the next meeting.  
A suggestion was made that the capital funds could be put in a Trust, and this would be investigated for the next meeting. Cllr Sprason felt that residents should be consulted again about spending ideas for these funds.  
Cllr Sprason explained updates to the website, including school information, historical pictures, and a what's on page.  
He proposed that a resident who had cut back along pathways should be thanked, and it was agreed that a letter be sent. Action: Clerk

Some residents were concerned about the future of the bus service and the County and District Councils would be contacted. *Action: Clerk*

**8.To receive District and County Councillor's comments.**

None received.

**9.To consider the Village Pump.**

Changes to the listing process made this unlikely to be achieved. RESOLVED to request quotes for the work.

*Action: Clerk*

**10.To consider the Village Hall Deeds.**

RESOLVED to defer the registration.

**11.To consider the planting of the Jubilee Oak Tree.**

Cllr Wesley had obtained an oak sapling. RESOLVED that this would be planted shortly in an appropriate space in Blakeways Close.

**12.To consider a proposed affordable housing scheme.**

The Council agreed in principle with the provision of affordable housing in the village, but felt that some residents would object to additional building. Further details of the scheme, and in particular of access, would be required.

RESOLVED to write to the proposers of the scheme to explain this. *Action: Clerk*

**13.To consider Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner.**

A Christmas dinner and entertainment for over 60's was being planned to be held at the Village Hall in December. It had been suggested that the Parish Council fund this. After discussion of funds available it was proposed, seconded and resolved that the sum of £500 be spent on this event.

**14.To consider any planning applications.**

12/01113/FUL 14 Blakeways Close, single and two storey rear extension to form family room and bedroom with ensuite. RESOLVED no objection.

**15.To receive the Financial Report.**

(a) **Mandate.** This had been sent to the NatWest at Lichfield.

(b) **Projected spending.** A list of expected receipts and payments for the remainder of the financial year was discussed. This would be taken into consideration when deciding on spending options. The budget for the next financial year would be discussed at the December meeting.

(c) **Capital.** Confirmation had been received that this fund could only be spent on capital projects. It was RESOLVED to invest £80,000 in the Buckinghamshire Building Society, in a one year bond.

(d) **HMRC penalty.** HMRC had imposed a penalty for non- submission of PAYE return earlier in the year. An appeal had been sent and the amount reduced, but a further appeal would be made. *Action: Clerk*

(e) **Risk assessment.** RESOLVED to adopt the financial risk assessment.

**16.To approve the payment of cheques on the cheque payment schedule.**

RESOLVED to approve payments to the following:

Mrs M Jones, Salary and expenses; Greenlands, grass cutting and maintenance;  
Lichfield web design, web hosting; Audit Commission, audit fee;  
Staffordshire Parish Council's Association, training.

**19. Date of next meeting**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.50

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